



This is a monthly newsletter published on the first Monday of each month.



## Summer Session Top Gun Tournaments

After each of the three sessions per league year (Summer, Fall and Spring)... the South OC APA runs Top Gun Tournaments to allow players

to compete individually for cash and prizes. The #1 ranks in each division also receive a trophy for their excellent poolplaying through the regular session. And this time around we're giving the top-finishing players a break on the entry fees (FREE for #1 ranks, \$5 for qualified players and \$10 for others), and as always, they will get first dibs on the tournament spots. Top finishers from the regular session (excluding playoffs) include the Top 20 players on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and the Top 10 players on Thursday and Sunday nights.

Separate 8-ball and 9-ball tournaments will be run, with each match played as an individual league match (with skill levels). The top two 8-ball finalists and the 9-ball winner will qualify for the the 2009 Spring Singles Regional in March for a chance to qualify for the National Singles Championship in Vegas!

**ALL PLAYERS WELCOME!** We'll run additional singles boards (table time permitting) and hold raffles throughout the tournaments, so come join the fun!

## 2008 Fall Singles Regional

(October 4-5) Hungry Stick, San Diego and Corner Pocket, Bakersfield - Fourteen players qualified locally in South OC and competed in the Fall Singles Regional. Five additional SOC players competed in the event.

 <b>8-Ball Classic Regional Qualifiers</b>	Blue Tier (SL 2&3)	John Sperka
	Yellow Tier (SL 4)	James Hughes; Allison McGhie
	Red Tier (SL 5)	Max Ahmadi
 <b>9-Ball Shootout Regional Qualifiers</b>	Purple Tier (SL 6&7)	Ginger Amalong; Matt Amalong; Cesar Brandes; Nathan Igo; Mark Marsh; Chris Nicholas; Brock Noteboom; Darin Reeves; <b>Eli Veach</b> ; Isaac Wooten
	Green Tier (SL 1-3)	Kimberly Pelton
	White Tier (SL 4&5)	Max Ahmadi; <b>Adam Fukushima</b> ; Aubrey Thompson
	Black Tier (SL 6-9)	<b>Cesar Brandes</b> ; Chris Igo; Nathan Igo; Brock Noteboom; Eli Veach; Dan White; Isaac Wooten

Additional SOC qualifiers include **Josh Flatt** (who will play in the 2009 Spring Regional) and **Jeff Youschak** (who played in the New Hampshire Regional)

### Congratulations National Qualifiers!

- **Eli Veach** (playing in the 8-Ball Classic Purple Tier)
- **Adam Fukushima** (playing in the 9-Ball Shootout White Tier)
- **Cesar Brandes** (playing in the 9-Ball Shootout Black Tier)

**2nd Place Finishers:** John Sperka, Dan White

**3rd Place Finishers:** Ginger Amalong, Matt Amalong, Chris Igo, Brock Noteboom, Aubrey Thompson, Isaac Wooten

Visit **League News & Photo Gallery** online for colorful stories and pictures!

## A Message from the South OC APA League Operators...

Judging from the results of recent regional and national events, the South OC has been represented well and has proven to be among the best in the country! Read the hype this month's and last month's newsletters as well as in the local newspapers!

We hope you're enjoying the cooler weather of the Fall season.

Happy Halloween!  
Scot & Liza



## Upcoming Pool Events

### Local Singles Boards

#### Monday Nights @ Mulligans

The window to qualify for the Spring Regional in March '09 closes on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Come play on a 4-8 person board for a chance to compete against players within your own skill level tier. Winners of the Spring Regional will compete in the



in Las Vegas April-May 2009.

Contact the league office if you're interested.

## Summer Session Top Gun Tournaments



8-Ball

Oct 18

Coconuts



9-Ball

Oct 25

Mulligans

The #1 Ranked player in each division will have a FREE entry into this event, those who finished in the Top 10-20 can play for \$5, and all other players who played in the Summer Session (within the respective formats) may participate in these events for a \$10 entry.

Look for fliers online and in your team packets.

Visit the new **Event Calendar** online for all upcoming events!

**U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP® Preliminary Rounds**

**(September 20) Stix Billiards, Rancho Cucamonga**

Forty males and twenty females participated in the annual U.S. Amateur preliminary rounds, with four males and two females advancing to the Championship Round November 7-9 in Atlanta, GA. South OC participants included **Isaac Wooten** (semifinalist), **Chris Nicholas** (finalist), **Adam Fukushima**, **Stan Wylasowski**, **Frankie Barajas**, and **Liza Gazmen** (finalist).

After plowing the field to the semifinals, Chris and Isaac had to compete for one of four finalist spots, with Chris prevailing 7-5 in a race to 7, only to be defeated by monster, Brian Parks of Bakersfield. Liza made it to the finals undefeated, winning three races to 5, including a match vs Nellie Del Rosario of San Diego. Nellie came back through the one-loss side to defeat Liza in a final race to 9.

Visit [usamateurchampionships.com](http://usamateurchampionships.com) for additional information!

**The Fall Session Has Started...**

We had a great turnout at the **Players Meeting** on Sunday, September 14 at Mulligans. Congratulations to raffle winners **Sam Bernal** (baseball cap), **Korinda Godwin** (*Play Your Best Pool* book) and **John Sperka** (the "man bag"). Twenty-four players participated in the 8-ball tournament following the meeting. Congratulations and nice shooting to **1<sup>st</sup> Place Steve Styck**, **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ellis "EB" Brooks** and **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bill Toy and Ryan Hoffman**.

Hang out with friends and play league on one or more of the following nights.

<u>Night of Play</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Start Date / Time</u>
Sunday	8-Ball & 9-Ball	Sept. 21 / 5 PM
Monday (NEW!)	8-Ball	TBD / 7 PM
Tuesday	8-Ball	Sept. 23 / 7 PM
Wednesday	8-Ball	Sept. 24 / 7 PM
Thursday	9-Ball	Sept. 25 / 7 PM

You still have **until Week 4** to put your team together and enjoy weekly team play and **PLAYER INCENTIVES**, including...

- **Free session** for players who captain a brand new team
- **Free session** for players who captain 3 or more teams
- **\$20 discount** for weekly team fees on Double Jeopardy Sundays
- **Free cue** if you sign up 3 or more players who play at least 10 matches

**2008 9-Ball Southwest Challenge**

**(September 11-13) Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas** – The South OC had two teams

representing this 9-ball 3-person team event. Any three APA players with a team skill cap of 15 may play in this annual pre-registered tournament, where players rotate through their team roster in the order they specify (rather than posting).

Teams play against other teams in the surrounding southwest region, including CA, AZ and NV.

While the team of **Nate Igo**, **Chris Christianson** and **Cristian Cruz** finished in 65<sup>th</sup> place, the team of **Eli Veach**, **Max Ahmadi** and **Meghan Knox** went on to take 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 108 teams! Their only loss was to the team who won whole thing. Congratulations!



**Administrative Stuff**

**2009 APA Membership Fees Increase by \$5**

After 15 years without an increase, beginning in 2009 the price of an APA membership will increase to \$25 per year. This nominal increase will continue to provide members with the best benefits and services. Next year, the APA plans on processing membership renewals online. They also plan to provide an online member login allowing access to statistics, standings and schedules.

**Paying by Check**

If mailing payments by check, please include Team # and/or Name in the Memo.

**Happy Birthday!**

South OC APA October Birthdays

Jason Baxter	10/08
Freddie Smith Sr.	10/10
Jim Brown	10/19
David O'Connell	10/25
Anthony DeRosa	10/26
Jeff Spillers	10/29
James Haslip	10/30



Congratulations,  
**Mr. & Mrs. Jaan Mannik!**  
October 12, 2008

**Rule of the Month**

**ACCIDENTALLY MOVING BALLS**

Causing even the slightest movement or altering the course of the **cue ball**, even accidentally, is a foul. Even dropping the chalk on the cue ball is a foul. It is not a foul, however, to accidentally move any other balls (including the 8-ball) unless, during his turn at the table, a player moves a ball and it in turn comes in contact with the cue ball. Any balls moved accidentally during a shot **must be replaced by the opponent** after the shot is over and all balls have stopped rolling. If it occurs before the shot, it **must be replaced** before the shot is taken. *[NOTE: The opponent does not have the option of leaving the moved ball in its new position. They must move it back to where they thought it was originally.]*

**EXCEPTION:** If an accidentally moved ball comes in contact with the cue ball, creating a foul, no object ball will be replaced.

Refer to pg. 50 of the *Official Team Manual*.